

**MINUTES
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
November 20, 2017**

1. Call to Order by the Chairperson

The November 20, 2017 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:00 p.m. in the Dewes Conference Room at Village Hall.

2. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

Roll call was taken and Chairperson Saunders noted a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Chairperson Saunders; Commissioners Beck, Halliday, Newman, Ganim, Cummings and Dr. Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Bob Spatz, ChargePoint
Tracy Ahr, Evanston resident
Jack Horbal, Resident

3. Approval of Minutes

The following changes were requested to be made to the September 18, 2017 Minutes:

- Page 3 - 2nd paragraph: In the last sentence, change “some type of assessment” to “review.”
 - Last paragraph: remove the apostrophe and “s” from Commissioner Beck
- Page 5 - Under Old Business, first paragraph: change “pleas” to “make”
 - Last paragraph: Add “This ride was part of “Bike Glenview.”
- Page 7 - Change Newman to Ganim as the Adjournment motioner

Commissioner Newman moved to approve the September 18, 2017 minutes as amended. Commissioner Ganim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0.

4. General Communications

Mr. Spatz gave a presentation about electric vehicles and charging stations and the advantages they would provide to Glenview residents. His company, ChargePoint, sells and installs electric charging stations. Chicago and Evanston already have EV chargers; however, there are very few on the North Shore. There is an app for drivers to easily locate them. Mr. Spatz believes it is a convenience that brings quality employees to the community and can attract business. Charging stations can be placed wherever someone parks 20 minutes or longer. Some of the municipalities that currently use these stations are Evanston, Franklin Park, Lake Forest, Skokie, and Oak Park, which is looking to add more. Walgreens and Whole Foods have put them in at some locations, along with some other businesses that have them for their employees. They are networked stations, so reports can be generated with what ZIP codes use them, which helps calculate the return on investment. A ChargePoint station costs approximately \$7,000 and installation cost is separate. Commissioner Ganim inquired about operating cost. Mr. Spatz

stated there are three costs: electricity, station and installation. Chairperson Saunders stated this information would need to be presented to the Village Trustees. The NRC does not clearly cover things like this, although it is an environmentally friendly group.

Chairperson Saunders shared an article from the November 5th *Journal*, "Glenview Park District Announces New Illinois Nature Preserve Lands."

Chairperson Saunders received a call from Glenview resident Mike Szerlong from American Records Management Association who volunteered to do a free shredding event. They would like to do this in June and will shred even hard drives. This information will be shared with Jerry Burke since Public Works coordinates similar events.

5. Consideration of Cases on the Agenda

None

OLD BUSINESS

- *Student member swearing-in*

Chairperson Saunders swore in the new Commissioner Wyatt Cummings.

- *Glenview Environmental Sustainability Award*

Commissioner Newman provided an update. He met with Scott Daniels and Mark Kopec a few weeks ago and incorporated all the changes into the new Plan. The next step is to bring the Award proposal to Tony Repp at the Village. They are still planning to launch the program on February 28th, so businesses need to be encouraged to apply. Chairman Saunders suggested reaching out to Betsy Baer on the Chamber of Commerce for her assistance in getting the word out. It was agreed that a communication plan will be needed once Tony is on board.

- *CMAP Local Technical Assistance*

Dr. Flakne reported that not much has changed since the last meeting. Jeff Brady is still working on the scope with CMAP. He is also still on target with proposing to the Village Board in January or February. The main idea is to review the Codes of Glenview to make sustainable and natural-resources-supporting practices easier to implement.

- *Milkweed and monarch planning*

Dr. Flakne shared written monarch conservation plans from Oklahoma City and Fayetteville. She is considering creating an internal policy that can be less lengthy and hopes to have a draft available at the January NRC meeting. Chairperson Saunders asked about setting goals. They will continue with Commissioner Cummings' efforts to promote monarch habitats and awareness. Dr. Flakne wrote a Letter of Support to the group who runs the Monarch Pledge and will in turn get free milkweed seed, as their grant application has been approved. Commissioner Beck suggested continuing to sell milkweed at the native plant sale in May. Commissioner Cummings agreed to attend, so she will share the date when available. Commissioner Cummings is interested in doing hands-on planting of milkweed as opposed to just public outreach. He agreed to look at the survey to determine where it is needed.

Chairperson Saunders suggested contacting the Kohl Children’s Museum to see what they have planned in April. She also mentioned having the library focus on monarch butterflies in Glenview for Earth Week.

- *Review of recent meetings/events*
 - Art reception, October 12
Although they had some beautiful submissions, the Glenview Art League is stretched thin and not sure they will do the art reception again next year.
 - OAKtober
Dr. Flakne reported that several oak saplings were distributed, and the Park District collected any leftovers. A “Tree Trot” was offered at the Grove with Commissioners Beck and Halliday in attendance.
 - Fall river cleanup – November 5th
Chairperson Saunders reported they had a good turnout in spite of the weather, and the InterAct students were very helpful. Spring river cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 12th.
 - Trees and Green Infrastructure (CRTI) meeting
Dr. Flakne reported this meeting was held in Glenview. They heard from a woman who helps register arboreta and learned there are different levels of arboreta. They also discussed youth outreach. Time was spent on drafting model ordinances, and Morton Arboretum staff continues to support communities in adapting them to their needs. Dr. Flakne was recently contacted by an Elmhurst resident who wanted copies of tree preservation ordinances. She supplied Glenview’s ordinance and referred the caller to Arboretum staff.
- *Heritage Tree application*
Commissioner Halliday noted that the scientific name for Silver Maple is *Acer saccharinum*. Commissioner Ganim will get back the tools needed to measure this tree on the application.
- *Outreach*
Commissioner Newman reported that Pleasant Ridge School has a new principal so the status for science fair judging is unknown. A parent is running the entire fair and handling recruitment of judges.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Baxter Parcel*
The grant Dr. Flakne had been working on for this parcel was denied. The area is north of Chestnut and south of the Loyola Academy athletic fields. She shared a map showing how it connects into a number of bike and pedestrian trails and is part of the larger trail network. It

dead ends at the Baxter parcel. The trail could be extended across the Baxter Parcel and out to Chestnut Avenue, but an easement would be needed from the church. The grant application was for Chi-Cal funding and is extremely competitive. It is a great grant because the three priorities of the grant are about improving public access and habitat and green infrastructure. It supports Glenview's goals at the Baxter Parcel. Grant administrators were encouraging and indicated that it was an excellent application. Awarded projects covered larger geographic areas and Glenview's seemed slightly too local. In general the grants tend to go to nonprofits with more regional focus and had a big focus on the Calumet region. They told her that the next round of funding will include a pre-proposal phase so unsuccessful applicants will get knocked out earlier with less work. Dr. Flakne was encouraged by them to reapply. She will also research funding from the State of Illinois that could help to complete the trail. She believes it is difficult to get a grant that is habitat focused. Baxter is currently not a native habitat, but a lot of milkweed has colonized there so it has a lot of potential.

- *2018 Business Plan*

A draft copy was shared of the 2017 version and everyone asked to make comments and bring to the January meeting for 2018.

- Values Project – It was suggested to include the Green Sustainability Award.
- Chicago Wilderness – add “keep renewing our membership” in the plan
- Farmers Market – There were some issues so this might be on hold
- CONSEG – This group has changed format and is no longer directly applicable to the NRC.
- Plan for Nature – Dr. Flakne feels there is still value in this plan, and agreed to send everyone a copy of this Plan. She was asked to keep it as a separate document.
- Chairperson Saunders requested that Dr. Flakne put in the Business Plan that the NRC reviews the Plan for Nature every year.

- *Glenview Park District Task Force*

Commissioner Beck reported that Glenview Park District is seeking additional funding. The ice center is now 45 years old and will always require funding since it is used by so many people; however, fixing it may not be cost effective at this point. Another issue is Kennicott Lane, where there are homes on septic that often have issues. Commissioner Beck stated that when the Village President talked he said 25% of Glenview was open space. She asked that the NRC think about this space and consider what the term means and how people conceptualize it. She would like a solution that would include a good trail with new habitat and connections to other places. It was noted that the Park Board needs to make a decision by December 21st to get these items on the March ballot.

Commissioner Beck shared a copy of “Headwater Streams of the Chicago Wilderness Region” created by Open Lands.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Newman moved to adjourn; Commissioner Ganim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Schultz

Recording Secretary